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**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE SCHOOL MEALS' WHOLE GRAIN-RICH
REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019**

WAIVER REQUEST

Instructions: Please complete this form electronically and submit it via e-mail to Laura Henry, Laura.Henry@state.nm.us. Note: the boxes automatically expand as you add text.

Food Service

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Date of Submission

7-17-18

Signature of Food Service Director

[Signature]

Signature of Superintendent

[Signature]

APPLICABLE STATUTE AND/OR STATE RULE:

- 7 CFR Part C 210.10 (c)(iv)(A). Grains component
- USDA Memo SP33-2016: Extension Notice: Requests for Exemption from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rich Requirement for School Year 16-17

The SFA must provide documentation to demonstrate at least one of the following hardships (check all that apply):

- ☒ A significant drop in meal counts when serving whole grain-rich (WGR) products
- ☒ A significant cost increase when procuring WGR products
- ☒ That they do not have access to a compliant WGR product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grains item(s) temporarily
- ☒ Unacceptable product quality due to loss of desired texture or lost palatability during holding time
- ☒ Poor student acceptability with significant negative student/parent feedback or increased plate waste of that menu item when the WGR product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time

Explain the SFAs plan to achieve future compliance with the full WGR requirement once the exemption expires.

As rules and regulations continue to change in congress, we feel that the children in our schools do not accept the color, appearance and textures of most whole grain items and prefer to use non whole grain items to get children through the cafeteria lines. Most children we serve are low poverty and school meals are the only meals they consume in the day. With this said we would like to provide meals children are willing to eat and not go hungry. We have tried our best to be in compliant and once this exemption expires we will have a better idea of how to achieve future compliance.

Rationale for Request:

1) Provide evidence that the SFA demonstrated hardship.

a. *With the market very limited to who, what, when, why and how we receive our products, we have to either serve items children don't like or spend more money finding what they do like.*

2) Document which unacceptable WGR product(s) were used and which product(s) will be substituted as a temporary replacement.

Items Requested	Replacement Items
All Pastas	White
Lasagna	Non-whole grain
Ravioli, Cheese Ravioli	Chef Boyardee, non-whole grain
Cream of Wheat	Non-whole grain

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This is a waiver for temporary flexibility for School Year 2018-2019. SFAs granted exemption must work with the state agency to seek technical assistance regarding acceptable products, alternative cooking methods, or modified recipes and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement to offer at least half of the grain as whole grain rich products.

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Reviewed by: <i>Kendal Cherry</i>	Date: <i>7/17/18</i>
RATIONALE FOR APPROVAL:	Date:
Laura Henry, Staff Manager	
Concur with staff recommendations for approval:	Date:
<i>Laura Henry</i> Michael Chavez, Deputy Director	<i>7/24/18</i>
Plan for Technical Assistance:	Date: <i>7/24/18</i>
<i>SA and SPAs will revisit WGR waiver items in Jan 2019.</i>	Date:
RATIONALE FOR NON-APPROVAL:	Date:
Laura Henry, Staff Manager	
Concur with staff recommendations for non-approval:	Date:
Michael Chavez, Deputy Director	
Returned to Food Service Director and School/District by:	Date: